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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES, RESOLUTION ON TEXTILES

REF: A. GENEVA 5100; B. GENEVA 4998

1. IN GROUP B MEETING THIS MORNING (JULY 3), EC TABLED PROPOSAL FOR GROUP B COUNTER DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TEXTILES TO BE PRESENTED TO GROUP OF 77 IN SESSIONAL CONTACT GROUP THIS AFTERNOON.

2. WE STATED U.S. PREFERENCE FOR NO RESOLUTION ON TEXTILES TRADE BUT INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE WISHES OF OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS AND IF GROUP B DRAFT WAS THOUGHT DESIRABLE BY MAJORITY GROUP B MEMBERS WE WOULD GO ALONG ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS PROVIDED TEXT DID NOT GO BEYOND COMMITMENTS ALREADY MADE IN MFA.

3. NUMBER OF GROUP B MEMBERS SUPPORTED A GROUP B TEXT ON TEXTILES WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED TO G-77 IN CONTACT GROUP ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" BASIS. IN ADDITIONAL GROUP B INTENDS TO SEEK G-77 AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW OLD RESOLUTIONS ON TEXTILES (TD/B/C.2/L72) AND TD/B/XIV/ UNCLASSIFIED

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4. TEXT OF GROUP B COUNTER DRAFT ON TEXTILES WHICH WE
PREPARED TO ACCEPT AND WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO G-77
IN CONTACT MEETING THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

TAKING NOTE OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL
TRADE IN TEXTILES, THE BASIC OBJECTIONS OF WHICH ARE TO
ACHIEVE THE EXPANSION OF TRADE, THE REDUCTION OF
BARRIERS TO SUCH TRADE AND THE PROGRESSIVE LIBERALIZATION
OF WORLD TRADE IN TEXTILE PRODUCTS, WHILE AT THE SAME
TIME ENSURING THE ORDERLY AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT
OF THIS TRADE AND AVOIDANCE OF DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS IN
INDIVIDUAL MARKETS AND ON INDIVIDUAL LINES OF PRODUCTION
IN BOTH IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

CONSIDERING THAT A PRINCIPAL AIM IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THIS ARRANGEMENT IS TO FURTHER THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SECURE A
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THEIR EXPORT EARNINGS
FROM TEXTILE PRODUCTS AND TO PROVIDE SCOPE FOR A GREATER
SHARE FOR THEM IN WORLD TRADE IN THESE PRODUCTS.

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT TEXTILES ARE A MAJOR ITEM OF
EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
TAKING NOTE OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF
TEXTILES.

RECOMMENDS THAT:

(I) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSIDER MEASURES TO
FURTHER LIBERALIZE PROGRESSIVELY TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF
BARRIERS AFFECTING EXPORTS OF TEXTILES FROM DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES WHILE AVOIDING DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS ON IMPORTING
MARKETS;

(II) VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS AND UNILATERAL IMPORT
RESTRICTIONS ON TEXTILES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SHOULD BE STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT
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PROVISIONS OF THE MFA;

(III) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE GENERAL
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO TEXTILES, WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LEGISLATION.

(IV) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER

MEASURES FOR IMPROVED ACCESS OF PROPERLY CERTIFIED
HANDLOOM FABRICS OF THE COTTAGE INDUSTRY AND TRADITIONAL
FOLKLORE HANDICRAFT TEXTILES PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. ENDQUOTE. DALE

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